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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 627 By Dixon

A RESOLUTION to continue the special joint committee created by Senate Joint Resolution No. 234 of the One-Hundredth General Assembly to study Tennessee's present laws and policies relative to acute pain management.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly recognizes that acute pain is a concern for millions of Americans seeking primary care for their injuries; and

WHEREAS, there is also legitimate concern that inadequate pain management may lead to physiological and psychological conditions arising from diseases and thus result in increased morbidity, for example, immune system impairment and increased likelihood of pneumonia, postoperative complications, cardiovascular failures and infectious complications; and

WHEREAS, in response to the many complex issues associated with acute pain management, the 100th General Assembly enacted Senate Joint Resolution No. 234, which created a special joint committee to study these very issues; and

WHEREAS, while the special joint committee has worked assiduously to address the problems associated with acute pain management, it has not had enough time to adequately address these important issues; and

WHEREAS, because acute pain affects thousands of Tennesseans, it is imperative that the mandate of the special joint committee should be continued; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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CONCURRING, That the special joint committee created by Senate Joint Resolution No. 234 of the One-Hundredth General Assembly to study Tennessee's present laws and policies relative to acute pain management is hereby continued until January 15, 1999.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the membership of the special joint committee shall remain as constituted; provided, legislative members shall be duly elected members of the General Assembly in order to remain a member of the committee. Vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the original appointing authority pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution No. 234 of the 100th General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be convened by the ranking officer who is a duly elected member of the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair and such other officers as the committee deems necessary from among its legislative members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the non-legislative members of the special joint committee shall serve without compensation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred First General Assembly no later than January 15, 1999, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

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